

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL SEA PORT AT VIZHINJAM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of a proposal for the construction of International Sea Port at Vizhinjam in Kerala;
- (b) the central assistance granted for the project; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): According to information available, the Government of Kerala had submitted a proposal seeking Government Assistance in the form of Viability Gap Funding for the Development of Deep Water International Container Transshipment Terminal at Vizhinjam in June, 2006. The proposal was considered in the Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance. Department of Economic Affairs returned the proposal to the Government of Kerala in September, 2006 for resubmission as the proposal did not meet the mandatory conditions of the scheme. Under the Indian Ports Act 1908, State Governments have overall jurisdiction over Non-Major ports and are responsible for their development. Vizhinjam Port, being a Non-Major port in the State of Kerala, it is for the Government of Kerala to process the proposal further.